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PATENT APPLICATION 8/27/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHIHIRO ISHIBE) Examiner: J. Phan
Application No.: 09/774,125) Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: January 31, 2001)
For: LIGHT SCANNING)
OPTICAL SYSTEM,)
OPTICAL SCANNING)
APPARATUS AND IMAGE)
FORMING APPARATUS)
USING THE SAME) August 1, 2002

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated July 1, 2002,
Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I, namely a light scanning optical system
satisfying the following condition: $0.8 \leq E_{\min}/E_{\max}$, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1
to 13 and 26 to 38 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

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